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Sri M. S. MOGRAL:—" May I know whether the Government would introduce free streptomycin injection for extremely poor and deserving T.B. patients in all District Headquarters Hospitals?"

Mr. SPEAKER:—" A separate question may be put."

Sri G. NAGABHUSHANAM:—" Are the Government aware that there are a large number of patients sleeping on the floor in the Bellary District Headquarters Hospital?"

Mr. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

Minor Ports.

* 145 *Q.*—Sri K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have received the report of the Special Officer for the investigation of minor ports appointed by the Ministry of Transport, Government of India, in so far as it affects minor ports in Madras State and if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" The report of the Special Officer (Minor Ports) has been received and is under the consideration of the State and the Central Governments."

Sri K. KRISHNA RAO:—" Are the Government aware that the ports between Madras and Visakhapatnam have been very sorely neglected in the past 10 years?"

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI:—" I have already answered that the report of the Special Officer is under consideration."

Sri S. S. KOLKEBAIL:—" May I know whether there are any proposals before the Government to convert the Malpe port into an all-weather port?"

Mr. SPEAKER:—" The Hon. Minister has already said that the report is under consideration."

Agricultural Research Stations.

* 146 *Q.*—Sri T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many research stations doing Agricultural Research are maintained by the Madras Government; and

(*b*) how many of them, if any do research in (1) coconut farming, (2) arecanut farming and (3) pepper farming?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" (*a*) Forty-five Research Stations.

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" (b) (1) *Coconut farming*—Three stations, namely, Agricultural Research Stations, Nileshwar II and III and Pilicode, in South Kanara district.

(2) *Arecanut farming*—Nil.

(3) *Pepper farming*—Two stations, namely, the Agricultural Research Station, Taliparamba and the Pepper Research Station newly started at Panniyur near Taliparamba."

SRI S. T. ADITYAN:—" Will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of undertaking research in palmyra also along with coconuts? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" The question will be examined, Sir."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR:—" Will the Hon. Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have any groundnut research station in South Arcot, which is otherwise known as the 'groundnut district'? If not, will the Government start one in the interests of growers and traders? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" I believe groundnut research is carried on in a number of places. Groundnut is grown not only in South Arcot, but in many other places, like Kurnool."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—" Will the Government consider the advisability of extending the agricultural research stations to other places also? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" As and when necessity arises to carry on research work, a station will be opened."

SRI C. V. K. RAO:—" In what way are the results achieved at these research stations conveyed to the ryots and may I know whether the ryots are able to appreciate and apply these results of investigations in the day to day farming and if not, why not? " 10-40 a.m.

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" This is a big order. However, I shall give the hon. Member an idea of how the results obtained at the various stations are conveyed to the cultivators through the various publications of the Department of Agriculture. The hon. Member might have noticed that there are publications in Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Tamil, besides English. There is a yearly calendar brought out by the Department and there are also a lot of pamphlets, leaflets and bulletins issued. Besides all these, we have got a large number of demonstrators who are always at the service of the public to give them information as to the improvements that could be introduced on the farms of the cultivators as a result of the research conducted at the various research stations."

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SRI A. S. SUBBARAJ:—" Will the Government consider the question of opening a cardamom research station in Periakulam taluk? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" The matter will be considered."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA:—" May I know whether the advice of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research to organise a land army of voluntary workers to maintain contact with the backward areas has been implemented? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" A separate question may be put."

SRI K. V. RAMESAM:—" In view of the large output of jaggery in the State and in view of the low price that jaggery is getting now, will the Government be pleased to issue instructions to the Sugar Research Station at Anakapalle to devise means by which jaggery can be converted into sugar by the ryots? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" Production of sugar from jaggery is not economical."

SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER:—" May I know Sir, whether the Ambalavayal farm in Wynaad is doing any research work in coffee, pepper and tea? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" Notice."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNIAH:—" పరిశోధనా కేంద్రాలలో వేరుశనగ, పత్తి గురించి పరిశోధన చేస్తున్న కేంద్రాలు ఏమైనా ఉన్నవా? లేకపోతే పెట్టుతారా? ఇప్పుడు ఉన్న కేంద్రాలలో చేస్తున్న పని ఏమిటి? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" There are many stations where research is carried on in cotton and groundnut."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—" Is the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture personally satisfied with the ' utilitarian or useful work ' done by the research stations? Does he know that the people are not satisfied with the usefulness of the work turned out in these research stations? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" Research stations are necessary. Many problems arise from day to day and they have got to be solved. A lot of research has been done and some very valuable results have been achieved so far. More could be done, I quite agree."

SRI R. M. PALANIAPPAN:—" May I know whether the research stations are distributed throughout the State and if not, the districts that have been left out? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—" Notice."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR:—" The Hon. the Minister in his reply said that there were two pepper research stations in Taliparamba, one at Taliparamba proper and the other at Karimbam—this name was not mentioned by the Minister.

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May I invite the attention of the Hon. Minister to the fact that the people of Taliparamba constituency who are mostly pepper gardeners, do not know how these research stations work and no practical advantage has accrued to them by the existence of these stations? Will the Government conduct an inquiry into the matter and see that proper measures are taken for the good working of the research stations in order that they may be of benefit to the pepper gardeners?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"There are many problems connected with pepper and research on them has been recently started. Once results have been achieved, they will be conveyed to the cultivators when they will appreciate them."

SRI R. KRISHNAN:—"Is there any station conducting research in tapioca?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"Notice, Sir."

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI:—"In view of the fact that there is already a Central Coconut Research farm at Kasaragod, will the Government consider the question of converting the coconut farm at Nileshwar into an Arecanut Research Farm in South Kanara?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"The question of carrying on experiments on areca is under consideration."

Government Hospital, Coondapoor.

* 147 *Q.*—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any proposal for effecting improvements to the Headquarters Hospital in Coondapoor, South Kanara district, is pending before the Government;

(*b*) if so, for how many years; and

(*c*) what steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—"(*a*) *to* (*c*) In May 1950, the Government have approved a scheme of improvements to the Government Hospital, Coondapoor, at an estimated cost of Rs. 75,000. In 1951–52, a provision of Rs. 72,000 was made for this work in the Budget Estimate for 1951–52, but the major portion of it could not be utilized in view of the decision of Government to reduce expenditure on all building schemes included in 'Capital account of Civil Works' during that year and the consequent slowing down of work on all building schemes. Steps will be taken to push through the work."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY:—"May I know whether the work on improvements will be taken up and completed at least in this official year in view of the fact that a large number of patients have to be refused admission into the hospital for want of accommodation?"